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The Home

August 8th 1862

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My darling daughter,

As Mr

Crawford is going to Hyattsville, this evening, I write a few lines, in haste, to say peace has reigned since you left.

At Paul we have no further tidings. As soon as I can see Jones, I am going to send him to Ft W., which I find is in this County, to try & arrest him there, & if the military will not permit his arrest, I shall then have reason to make application for his removal &c &c. "Goby" comes

every evening early, & oh how I have to entertain him till bed time, but as it enables me to keep the doors

windows open these dreadful
hot evenings, I make my self
agreeable. Last evening I pre-
sented a book, & he selected
"Evenings at Home"! Interesting
simplicity! — No one has
been here since you left, ex-
cept Mr Wells, till last evening
late, when Edgar, & Miss Eliza
Bowie, rode up, & saddle bags
& all, having started from
home after tea! Is it not
unfortunate? She is still
here, but speaks of going this
evening, or tomorrow early.

I urged her to stay several
days, to wait upon return,
but she says she promised
her mother she would be
back tomorrow at farthest.

It is so warm I can scarce
write. To day is the warmest
day we have had, & we do
nothing but fan! I have
finished my dress, & having
no more work ready, am

taking it idly, for once.
Mrs Lamb is getting quite her-
self again, but old Mr Myer
bursts into tears whenever
she sees me, & says she knows
D. will kill Lisette & myself,
before he is done.

George Calvert has just left.
He reports all doing well
at Riversdale, till Mrs C.

If Miss Bowie leaves I shall
go to the city tomorrow. I
have made all arrange-
ments for the safety of the
garrison, if I do go. Mr D.
I will send to Mr Crawford's.
Mr Crawford went into the
city yesterday, & I got him
to carry my letters for Mrs
Lamb. Mrs Calvert will un-
derstand. He brought no
news, but Dr Wells says the
report is Mr Kins was shot

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while crapping the river below,
on his return from one of
his usual visits home. I do
hope it is not so.

I know you are having a
pleasant time, & you must
not be uneasy about me,
but enjoy yourself. All is
going well.

My love to Mrs Calvert, Mrs
Latrobe, Virginia, & Lily, who
I suppose is quite large now.
Kind regards to Mr Latrobe,
& the young gentlemen, & any
of my old Relay acquaint-
ances who may remember
me. Mr Crawford goes to B on
Monday. If you are at the
Relay when the train, which
reaches here, I believe, at 7 o'
clock passes by, he says he
will get out & speak to you,
& tell you how all are.
Miss Elizabeth sends love & E. & Susan
also. Your devoted mother
A. C. Benson